

critical to our society, it is good to know that dedicated scientists and researchers are working to make sure that safe, affordable, and environmentally friendly energy will be available for years to come. Many of these men and women live and work in the East Bay region of the San Francisco area, serving at one of our national laboratories or General Electric's Vallecitos Nuclear Center.

Forty years ago, the men and women of General Electric [GE] opened a new plant in Pleasanton, CA, a beautiful community in the heart of my congressional district. GE opened the facility to pioneer the commercial development of atomic energy. Through its Vallecitos boiling water reactor, GE has brought safe and efficient electric power to eleven nations. Later this year, GE will witness another proud moment when the Tokyo Power Co. advanced boiling water reactor—supplied by GE and its associates—becomes available for commercial use.

The Vallecitos Nuclear Center [VNC] in Pleasanton is the hub of GE's nuclear energy research. As the site of the Nation's first privately financed nuclear generating facility, GE VNC has compiled an outstanding record of safety and service. Already a national historic site for its many contributions to the development of commercial nuclear power, the laboratories and test facilities of the VNC are helping GE stay on the leading edge of groundbreaking research.

None of these achievements would be possible without the effort, expertise, and commitment of the men and women who comprise the GE family. Today it is my pleasure to urge my colleagues to join me in thanking the GE VNC organization, its management, staff, researchers, and all its workers, for their contributions to America's energy future. Innovation, leadership, and possibility are alive and well at GE VNC, and I applaud everyone at the VNC for their outstanding work for our country and our world.

TRIBUTE TO MR. AND MRS. CARL  
L. KILGUS

HON. FLOYD SPENCE

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 24, 1996*

Mr. SPENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize two outstanding South Carolinians, Carl and Betty Kilgus, of Bamberg. The Kilguses recently retired from the printing business that they founded on December 1, 1956.

During the 40 years that the Kilgus Printing Co. has been in business, Carl and Betty have worked together to build their company into a firm that employs over 45 employees, offering a variety of services. The Kilgus Printing Co. publishes three weekly newspapers: North Trade Journal, the Advertiser-Herald, and the Santee Stripper, which have a wide circulation in our State. Also, the company has the distinction of, at one time, being the largest bulk mailer in the Columbia Sectional Center of the U.S. Postal Service, based on the volume of circulars for grocery store chains that it printed and mailed for stores throughout South Carolina, North Carolina, and Georgia.

The Kilguses have devoted much of their lives to improving their community. Carl is the chairman of the Bamberg County Economic Development Commission, as well as a member of the Bamberg Board of Public Works Commission, the Thoroughbred Country Tourism District, and the Bamberg City Development Association. Betty has devoted many years of service to the Bamberg County Board of Registration and Elections, and is currently its chairman. They are also active members of the First Baptist Church of Bamberg.

Mr. Speaker, Carl and Betty Kilgus are dedicated leaders, whose lives have been marked by hard work and achievement. For many years, it was my honor to represent them in the House of Representatives. Although they have retired from their positions at the company that they worked so diligently to establish, they will certainly continue to devote themselves to the needs of the citizens of Bamberg County, and surrounding areas. I would like to take this opportunity to commend

Carl and Betty Kilgus on the numerous contributions that they have made to the Palmetto State, and to wish them much happiness in their retirement.

TRIBUTE TO LYNN ROGERS AND  
SALLY STEVENSON FOR THEIR  
SERVICE TO DELAWARE

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 24, 1996*

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the fine work and contributions of two outstanding, dedicated, and caring Delawareans—Lynn Rogers, president of the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association and Sally Stevenson, president of the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association Ladies Auxiliary.

Delaware fire companies are comprised of outstanding, dedicated, and caring men and women who give of their time and talents to help prevent or battle fires and perform emergency medical services for our citizens. Because of the leadership and teamwork of Lynn and Sally, Delaware fire and emergency medical services have remained a vital and integral part of our community.

I salute Lynn and Sally for their exemplary record of public and community service. They are truly an inspiration for all of us. Their commitment and dedication to the cause of volunteer firefighters will find a permanent place in the Delaware volunteer fire service history.

Mr. Speaker, just recently the Delaware Volunteer Fireman's Association and Ladies Auxiliary celebrated its 76th anniversary of leadership and service to the towns and communities of Delaware. It is important that this fine, dedicated organization continue to be able to recruit and retain young men and women who are committed to this outstanding form of public service. The support for the Delaware Volunteer Fireman's Association and Ladies Auxiliary is strong and the tradition of service is solid, I hope that they realize how deeply their efforts are appreciated.